Purpose
To ensure a uniform policy for collection of costs associated with crashes and incidents on roads according to State Code Sections 41-6a-409 and 72-7-301, and Utah Administrative Code R907-63 for the Utah Department of Transportation (Department).

Policy
The Department has statutory authority to provide traffic control at incident sites and to repair all damage to the roadway and appurtenances associated with the incident.

The Department may not impose a flat fee, or collect a flat fee, from an individual involved in a motor vehicle crash. The Department may, however, recover its costs associated with the crash or incident, according to this Policy and R907-63 and Utah Code Sections 41-6a-409 and 72-7-301.

The Department has Incident Management Teams (IMT) in the urban areas along the Wasatch Front patrolling the roadways to assist motorists and provide traffic control during incidents. They have a limited amount of traffic control devices in their vehicles to direct traffic around the incident. The IMTs have regular schedules to patrol the roadways during the highest traffic volume time periods. The Department is not budgeted to pay the IMT employees for unscheduled or overtime hours worked. Traffic control assistance is provided by local maintenance station personnel in rural areas. Department maintenance forces are not budgeted for incident response. The Department will bill for the time of the maintenance forces.

It is the Department's intent to secure full recovery from the responsible parties based on the full actual cost of such repairs to the structure or highway and appurtenances damaged, including all costs associated with or resulting from an occurrence. The Department may at its discretion elect to accept settlement based on detailed engineering estimates and any costs associated with or resulting from the incident or crash when it deems it is in the best interest of the motoring public and taxpayer to delay or forgo repairs to the structure or highway and appurtenances.

The Department may allow installment payments in cases where payment in full would cause the responsible party substantial financial hardship and no insurance is available, if the responsible party makes timely payments.